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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: NISHIUCHI, et al.

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For: RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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